

National Institute of Open Schooling
Secondary Course: English
Lesson 8: Birthday Letter
Worksheet - 8

1. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

..... In India a great leader, full of love for all who suffer and eager to help them, has inspired our people to great actions and noble sacrifice. He has helped to make the starving, the poor and the oppressed free and happy.

- i) Who is the speaker of these lines?
- ii) Who is the great leader referred here to?
- iii) What is the great contribution of the great leader here?
- iv) Pick out a word from the passage that gives the meaning of 'encouraged'.

2. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

.....you have been in the habit of receiving presents and good wishes. Good wishes you will still have in full measure, but what present can I send you from Naini Prison? My presents cannot be very material or solid.

- i) Who does 'you' in the first line refer to?
- ii) Identify the lesson and the author:
- iii) Why did the speaker express his inability to send any material gifts?
- iv) Pick out a word from the extraction that means same as 'Physical':

3. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

If we are to be India's soldiers we have to respect India's honour, and that honour is a sacred trust..... It is no easy matter to decide what is right and what is not. One little test I shall ask you to apply whenever you are in doubt Never do anything in secret or anything that you would wish to hide.

- i) What is the utmost duty of India's soldier?
- ii) What little test the speaker assigns to the listener here?
- iii) It is not easy matter to decide- What is not easy matter?
- iv) Pick out a word from the extract that gives opposite meaning of 'unholy':

4. You are Krishna. Your daughter is studying in class 12th in a hostel. Write a letter explaining her gift you are planning to present on her birthday and reason behind choosing that particular gift. Write your letter in about 100 words.

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5. Write a brief biographical details of your favourite Freedom fighter explaining his/her contribution to the Freedom movement of India in about 100 words.
6. Imagine that you are a freedom fighter and you are imprisoned in a jail. Write a letter your father explaining the routine in jail and how you spend days in jail. Write your letter in about 100 words.
7. Read the following statements carefully and prepare questions using W/H forms so as to get the answers written in bold italics.
 - i) *Every week* Samhita goes to temple.
 - ii) Jalpita sings devotional songs very *beautifully*.
 - iii) Nehru wrote letter to his *daughter* from Naini Prison.
 - iv) Usha cooked *delicious dishes* today.

Ans.i)	?
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Ans.ii)	?
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Ans.iii)	?
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Ans.iv)	?
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8. Talk to a freedom fighter in your locality and collect his experiences and his role during freedom movement. Write report in about 100 words to your school magazine.
9. Prepare Timeline of important milestones of Freedom movement from 1857 First Indian Independent movement to 1947 Independence Day declaration. Choose at least important events.

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10. Study the two visuals provided to you and write an article on the changing scenario of social unrest among the youth. Write in about 100 words.



Guided Youth of past



Misguided Youth of Present